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*Breakfast with Santa
Information Inside*

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Monday, December 9, 7:15 PM

**EDHA Christmas Potluck and
Karaoke following a very brief board
meeting at the Clubhouse**

**EDHA
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THANK A VETERAN

Veteran's Day—Monday, November 11

p resident's Notes

By ReINETte Alecozay



Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

We are so thankful for the rain and the cooler weather that October brought us!

The National Night Out was a lot of fun and had a better turnout than I had expected!

We applaud Wil Portis for his service to the community as Area V representative, and we welcome Gene Williams, his newly elected replacement! It is an honor to serve with such willing and skilful volunteers!

The board voted at the annual meeting to postpone revisions to the by-laws for a year. Your thoughts and comments regarding the by-laws are solicited by the By-Laws Committee, Lola Olsmith, Conrad Boeck and myself. For a copy of the current by-laws, please refer to the website or ask your area representative.

All of you are invited to participate in the Christmas Potluck and Karaoke Monday Dec 9 at 7:15 PM following a very brief board meeting! The Board has graciously agreed to purchase all the meat and furnish the plates and plastic ware. Please bring your favorite side dish/dessert to the Clubhouse and expect a joyous time!

The Christmas Lighting Contest will be the second weekend in December, so why not participate? Winners get discounts off their 2014 Annual Maintenance Fee! It is essential that you have your address very clearly visible so the judges can see it in the evenings they drive. You can support EDHA and get your curb stenciled for only \$20.00. Send in your check today and indicate Curb Stencil in the "For" block of your check. For those who paid already, thank you for your patience as our order was lost for the stencil kit, but it came in finally!

You are so special!!!!

November

2nd Saturday	District 10 BBQ-District 10 Field Office
2nd Monday	EDHA Meeting-Club House
3rd Monday	COP Meeting-Club House
3rd Monday	Northeast Neighborhood Alliance Meeting-Tool Yard

December

2nd Monday	EDHA Meeting-Potluck and Karaoke-Club House
2nd Saturday	Breakfast with Santa
2nd Week	Christmas Light Judging
3rd Monday	COP Meeting



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City Launches

Perrin Beitel and Nacogdoches Revitalization Initiative

A major revitalization program is underway which will have a significant and positive effect on the northeast side of San Antonio and the residents residing in this area. Because of this effort, two important commercial corridors that have seen declines in business activity and the quality of older buildings will be receiving much needed attention.

The Northeast Corridor (NEC) Revitalization Initiative has been launched this year by **District 10 City Councilman Carlton Soules** as a focused effort to restore vitality to the Perrin Beitel and Nacogdoches Corridors. Specifically, the NEC includes Perrin Beitel from 410 to Thousand Oaks and Nacogdoches from Thousand Oaks to O'Connor. The corridor is 1.8 miles in length and contains approximately 580 businesses and is surrounded by 15 neighborhoods.

Dramatic improvements are already underway in the NEC. Construction on the new Walmart store at the northwest corner of Nacogdoches and Thousand Oaks is nearing completion. The new store is expected to open in the spring. Nearby, Dunkin' Donuts has opened in a highly visible location in the recently improved Northgate Shopping Center. The Nacogdoches Village Shopping Center, located at the southwest corner of Nacogdoches and O'Connor, has also undergone renovations including new facades and a more vibrant paint scheme. New tenants at Nacogdoches Village include Texan Urgent Care, Wingstop, Pizza Patron, and Unleashed by Petco. The owner of the center was able to take advantage of a City fee waiver program that incentivizes redevelopment in established areas. This program is also available to other commercial property owners to help them make improvements.

According to Corridor Revitalization Manager **Michael Taylor** "the primary goal of this project is to restore

vitality to the area by activating vacant and underutilized properties, re-establishing community-serving retail and service businesses, and improving the appearance of buildings, signs, and parking lots." He adds that today the corridor is "suffering from declining property values, many vacant and underutilized properties, resident dissatisfaction with retail offerings, poor aesthetics, and an unsustainable mix of uses."

He points out that success of the revitalization project will definitely "require community support, tactical partnerships, strategic planning, and targeted investments." A market study is currently being conducted which includes interviews of business owners, vacant property owners, major employers and neighborhood association leaders. A small task force that includes neighborhood leaders, business owners, and a representative from the financial sector has also been formed. Over the coming months the task force will build a coalition of support for the initiative and develop strategies for how public and private sector resources can be used to catalyze private investment

Some of the ideas already discussed include the establishment of native trees and shrubs along the corridor, developing a unifying theme for the area, and finding ways to attract popular businesses such as food stores, hardware stores, and major retailers. Other ideas are to seek more medical and educational facilities, improve auto and pedestrian traffic routing, and construction of a bus rapid transit line.

More information on this initiative may be found at northeastcorridorsa.com. Interested individuals are urged by Mr. Taylor to consider other ways to help improve the corridor and to call him (207-0145) or E-mail him at michael.taylor@sanantonio.gov with specific comments and questions.

Breakfast with Santa

Santa will be making an early stop in El Dorado on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the El Dorado Club House! Come join us for breakfast! Bring your appetite, your wish list and your camera to take your photo with Santa!



Know an El Dorado resident who has gone above and beyond? Nominate them for recognition in our regular column,
"Hats Off To..."

Contact the editor or any EDHA Board Member with your nominations!

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Carlton Soules

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Go to Carlton Soules's section of the City of San Antonio portal to sign up for helpful and informative email newsletters from your Councilman.

Condolences

To EDHA President Reinette Alecozay and her family on the passing of her mother, Marian King, on October 17. Mrs. King was a long-time resident of El Dorado and served as secretary on the EDHA Board in the 1980's.

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11/2	@MacArthur	7:00
11/8	Johnson	7:30



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~ Cicero

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To all our American Soldiers, past, present and future: Thank You!

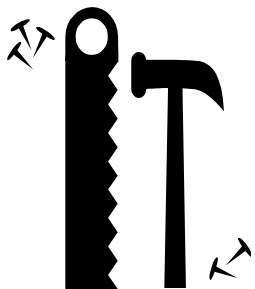
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Pumpkin Pie Dip Recipe

Ingredients:

- ◆ 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- ◆ 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- ◆ 1 cup canned pumpkin
- ◆ 1/2 cup sour cream
- ◆ 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ◆ 1 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- ◆ 1/2 tsp ground ginger
- ◆ Gingersnap cookies

Directions:

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Beat in the pumpkin, sour cream, cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice and ginger until blended. Serve with gingersnaps. Refrigerate leftovers. Yield: 4 cups.

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Mon. & Wed. 12-8p

Tue., Thurs.-Sun. 10a-6p

November 4th (Monday)

6:30-7:30p Monday Evening Book Club

Discussion of the book *The Secret Garden*
by Frances Hodgson Burnett

November 9th (Saturday)

10:00a Medicare Annual Enrollment

Need help enrolling in Medicare?

The Bexar Area Agency on Aging counselors will be here to
assist you with your Medicare Annual Enrollment.

They offer unbiased Medicare
information and help to Seniors and Disabled adults
enrolling in their Plan D.

They will also provide training on Medicare basics and
understanding Medicare.

November 12th (Tuesday)

4:00p-5:00p Lego Time

Come be creative with Legos!

Recommended for school-age children.

Please note: Lego creations must stay at the library.

November 16th (Saturday)

10:30a-12:00p Friends of the Library Meeting

November 21st (Thursday)

2:00p Thursday Book Club

Discussion of the book

*Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope
in a Mumbai Undercity* by Katherine Boo

Wednesdays (Nov. 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th)

5:00p Teen Time

Games, books, crafts, movies and snacks...ages 13 and up.

Thursdays (Nov. 7th, 14th & 21st)

Story time

10:00a Toddlers actively participate in stories, music and
movement enhancing their social,
emotional and language development.

Recommended for children 18 to 36 months.

11:00a Preschoolers enjoy stories and songs that develop early
literacy skills and foster curiosity. Recommended for three to
five year olds.

**Call library for details for any of the above mentioned
programs and/or events.**

Thanksgiving for Kids

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October 15 to December 7 is when ALL people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plan and prescription drug coverage for 2014. Information on 2014 plans will be available beginning in October. People with Medicare can call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit www.medicare.gov for plan information. If a person is satisfied that their current plan will meet their needs for next year, they don't need to do anything.

Medicare & the Health Insurance Marketplace

The Health Insurance Marketplace, a key part of the Affordable Care Act, will take effect in 2014. It's a new way for individuals, families, and employees of small businesses to get health coverage.

If I have Medicare, do I need to do anything?

No. Medicare isn't part of the Marketplace, so you don't need to do anything. If you have Medicare, you're considered covered.

The Marketplace won't affect your Medicare choices, and your benefits won't change. No matter how you get Medicare, whether through Original Medicare or a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO), you'll still have the same benefits and security you have now. You won't have to make any changes.

Note: The Marketplace doesn't offer Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) policies or Part D drug plans.

Can I get a Marketplace plan in addition to Medicare?

No. It's against the law for someone who knows that you have Medicare to sell you a Marketplace plan. This is true even if you have only Medicare Part A or only Part B.

If you want coverage designed to supplement Medicare, you can visit Medicare.gov to learn more about Medigap policies. You can also visit Medicare.gov to learn more about other Medicare options, like Medicare Advantage Plans.

Can I choose Marketplace coverage instead of Medicare?

Generally, no. As noted above, it's against the law for someone who knows you have Medicare to sell you a Marketplace plan.

But, you can choose Marketplace coverage if you're eligible for Medicare but haven't enrolled in it (because you would have to pay a premium, or because you're not collecting Social Security benefits).

Before making this choice, there are 2 important points to consider:

1. If you enroll in Medicare after your initial enrollment period ends, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for as long as you have Medicare.
2. Generally, you can enroll in Medicare only during the Medicare general enrollment period (from January 1 — March 31). Your coverage won't begin until July of that year.

EL DORADO SUBDIVISION AREA MAP

